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1. At the request of Chief, Inspection and Security, we have looked into the matter of [REDACTED] entitlement to further schooling under the G. I. Bill. The matter was discussed with the Solicitor's Office of the Veterans Administration, and finally with Mr. W. Dwight York, Director, Registration and Research Service, Vocational Rehabilitation and Education. Mr. York explained in detail to the writer the reasons for the policy decision by the Veterans Administration as evidenced by their Regulations. It was pointed out that the philosophy behind schooling at Government expense for veterans was to permit them to readjust to civilian life. In view of the number of years that have passed since the end of the war, they have considered that where an individual is required by virtue of his employment to interrupt his schooling, that such interruption is not considered beyond the individual's control since he has the election of pursuing either training or employment.

2. Mr. York explained that the Naval Research Laboratory have posed a similar problem. The Laboratory employed a number of scientists who were taking further training in the field of nuclear physics at the University of Maryland. As a part of their employment, they were required to travel abroad in connection with the Bikini bomb test. After careful consideration, the Veterans Administration ruled that such interruption of training was not considered beyond the individual's control.

3. As a matter of interest, Mr. York mentioned that the Officer in Charge of the Manila Regional Office had been in recently. He had raised the question of certain civilian agents who were "similar to OSS agents during the war". Those individuals were required from time to time to make trips which interrupted their schooling. Again the Veterans Administration would make no exception.

4. In view of the above, it appears somewhat doubtful that exception will be made by the Veterans Administration in [REDACTED] case. However, STATINTL there has been prepared a proposed letter for General Davison's signature to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs outlining the facts and requesting an exception to the Regulations. You may wish to use this letter or a similar one in order to establish definitely that the Veterans Administration will or will not authorize a waiver. If anything further is desired from this office, will you please advise.

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